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(*b*) the length of the proposed road ; and

(*c*) the distance from Vattiyurkavau to Perurkadai by the existing roads ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) 1942 (1117 M. E.)

(*b*) 3045 feet.

(*c*) 1 mile 5 furlongs and 195 feet.

Road from 'Kapil' to 'Edava'.

135. ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether all the lands necessary for the road from 'Kapil' to 'Edava' have been acquired and handed over to the P. W. D. ;

(*b*) whether work has been begun on this road ; and

(*c*) whether the work will be completed in 1120 as stated in answer to question No. 87 on 6-1-1120 ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This cannot be said now.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: When was the work begun on that road ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It was begun somewhere about 1115. The land has only very recently been handed over.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: In answer to question (*b*) whether work has been begun on this road, it is stated 'No.' Why was not the work begun ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The land was only very recently been handed over. Other preliminaries have to be gone through.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: When was the land handed over ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: About two or three months ago.

Road from Aruvikara to Vellanad.

136. ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the question No. 222 on 13-1-1120, and the Chief Engineer's reply that "As far as this road is concerned it has been decided that it should be opened by the people" ;

(*a*) the reasons that led to this decision ; and

(*b*) the area in sq. miles that will be benefited by the construction of this road ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) As the road is of local importance only.

(*b*) About 3 sq. miles.

Sale of food grains.

137. ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government propose to sell outside Travancore some quantity of food grains now held as Government stock here, if so, the quantity to be sold and the reasons which led to thht decision ?

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MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Government have arranged for the sale of the following commodities outside the State with the concurrence of the Food Department of the Government of India, since these are not required for consumption in the State on account of improvement in the rice position:—

Jowar	...	11,099 tons
Bajra	...	2,389 „
Maida	...	3,620 „
Indian Maize	...	3,000 „

Stock of food grains purchased.

138. ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI** : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government hold as stock now (10-10-1120) any paddy or food grains purchased in 1118, and if so, the quantity of each variety so held?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Government do not hold any such stock now.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Improvement of Irrigation tanks.

26. **MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount spent in 1119 for the improvement of irrigation tanks and the number of tanks restored in Chirayinkil taluk; and

(*b*) the number of tanks proposed to be restored in 1120 and the names of the tanks with the pakuthies in which they are situated in the above taluk?

DEWAN BAHADUR L.VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Rs. 1,480. No tank was restored in the taluk during the year.

(*b*) Three:—(1) Pazhanchira in Melkadakkavur pakuthi.

(2) Melakonathu chira, Survey No. 23810 in Kunthallur pakuthi.

(3) Nambiarkonathu chira, Survey No. 2852 in Ollor pakuthi.

Government Manure.

27. **MR. V. GANGADHARAN NAIR** (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of Government manure (compost manure) sold to Kottarakara and Quilon taluks respectively this year?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The Quilon Municipality is reported to have sold this year 1346 Madras Paras of compost manure in Quilon Taluk and 466 Madras Paras of compost manure in Kottarakara Taluk.

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